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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Tomoharu TANAKA

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For: **FLASH MEMORY CONTROL METHOD,
FLASH MEMORY SYSTEM USING THE
CONTROL METHOD AND FLASH
MEMORY DEVICE USING THE CONTROL
METHOD**



Art Unit: 2824

Examiner: Not yet assigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the first office Action in the present application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claim 3 is canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-2 and 4-22 are pending in the application.